

# FISH RECEIPTS RUN HEAVY.

FIGURES THIS MORNING AGGREGATE MORE THAN FOR LONG TIME.

Fish receipts here this morning, or since last report, are the largest for a long time, no less than 17 vessels being in up to early this morning and hardly a poor trip in the lot.

The pollock story is still running and the present chapter is a good one, five crafts, all from the Rips, bringing in from 65,000 to 150,000 pounds each. In each case the half of the craft represents a capacity trip. Those in are schs. Valentinna, Olive F. Hutchins, Jennie B. Hodgdon, Emily Cooney and Rita A. Viator.

Late Saturday afternoon sch. Ida S. Brooks came down from Boston with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Monarch, from south seining brought 1000 large fresh mackerel which sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 25 cents each. Sch. Monarch is home to fit for Cape Shore.

Sch. Clontonia also came home from south yesterday to fit for the Cape Shore.

Five of the shackers are home, most of them from the Cape Shore. Sch. Vanessa brings 125,000 pounds, mostly hake, and 2000 pounds of halibut, while sch. Harmony, which fished on the Peak and Sable Island bank, has 90,000 pounds, mostly cod and 2000 halibut. Sch. Moaniam, which struck dogfish galore, brings 60,000 pounds of fresh fish and 2000 pounds of dogfish also, while sch. Elsie, from the Cape Shore, hails for 100,000 pounds of fresh fish and 5000 pounds of halibut. Sch. Ingomar, which arrived this morning, has 140,000 pounds of fresh cod, hake and cusk and 9000 pounds of halibut beside. She fished on Western Bank, also off Beaver and on the hake spot off Liverpool, N. S.

From Georges sch. Claudia, which has been halibuting has 10,000 pounds of halibut, 15,000 pounds of salt cod and 25,000 pounds of fresh cod, while sch. Eugenia, from a salt drifting trip to Georges, has a nice catch of 35,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Rebecca Bartlette, from Long Island, Me., has 20,000 pounds of salt pollock for Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

From Bay of Islands, N. F., where she has been since last summer, the old sch. James A. Garfield brings 700 barrels of barrelled salt herring. She is lucky to be here as she struck on White Island ledge in the fog and was floated in the nick of time.

Also from Bay of Islands, N. F., is the Newfoundland sch. Crofton McLeod, with 1000 barrels of barrelled salt herring, part of the winter's catch of sch. James A. Garfield for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

This morning schs. Arthur James and Marguerite Haskins arrived from south mackerel seining, to fit for the Cape Shore.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Monarch, south mackerel seining, 1000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, Rips, 90,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Rips, 130,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, Rips, 100,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, Rips, 150,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Valentinna, Rips, 65,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Clontonia, south mackerel seining.
- Sch. Harmony, Sable Island Bank, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Vanessa, Cape Shore, 125,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Elsie, Cape Shore, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Moaniam, Cape Shore, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Claudia, Georges, halibuting, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 25,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. Eugenia, Georges, drifting, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 140,000 lbs. fresh fish, 9000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, Long Island, Me., 20,000 lbs. salt pollock.
- Sch. James A. Garfield, Bay of Islands, N. F., 700 bbls. pickled herring.
- Br. sch. Crofton McLeod, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. pickled herring.

- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, south seining.
- Sch. Arthur James, south seining.

## Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Squanto, Boston.
- Sch. Lochinvar, Boston.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, Georges, halibuting.
- Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, haddocking.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
- Sch. Emerald, haddocking.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary E. Hart, Cape Shore, seining.
- Sch. Aloha, Cape Shore, seining.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Cape Shore, seining.
- Sch. Alert, Cape Shore, seining.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Cape Shore, seining.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, Cape Shore, seining.
- Sch. Saladin, Cape Shore, seining.
- Sch. Little Fannie, pollock seining.
- Sch. Valentinna, pollock seining.
- Sch. Grace Otis, pollock seining.
- Steamer Geisha, pollock seining.
- Sch. Carrie C. Georges, handlining.
- Sch. Reliance, pollock seining.
- Sch. Judique, salt bank trawling.

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# HADDOCK SCARCE AT T WHARF.

SEVENTEEN VESSELS HAVE MOSTLY FARES OF FRESH COD.

Seventeen fishing arrivals at T wharf and less than 50,000 pounds of haddock in the whole lot is something one does not see at the big fresh fish mart but very seldom. That is the case this morning, however. Half the fleet in are cod drifters, another a cod netter and still another a haker, so haddock is not looked for in any of these quarters. Under these circumstances, haddock sold at \$3.50 and \$5.50 and those who had a few, profited greatly thereby.

The drifters had from 16,000 to 30,000 pounds each and as the market is not cod hungry, some are booked for the splitters. Sch. Leo has a good trip, 56,000 pounds, of which 50,000 pounds are hake. Sch. Washakie, with 95,000 pounds, from the Cape Shore, leads the bunch and part of her trip as well as that of sch. Leo, will go to split. A few of the market boats have small catches.

Some large cod sold for \$2.40 and \$2.75, some hake at 1.15 and \$1.60, cusk at \$2 and pollock \$1.25.

Last week there were 60 fishing vessels at T wharf with 2,241,000 pounds of ground fish, and in the same week of last year there were 80 vessels with 2,093,600 pounds of fish. There were also sold at the exchange 1165 barrels and 584 boxes of fresh fish from outside, against 1302 barrels and 739 boxes in the same week of last year.

## Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Harvester, 5000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 27,000 cod.
- Sch. Speculator, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Elya L. Spurling, 1400 haddock, 17,000 cod.
- Sch. Athena, 15,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
- Sch. Washakie, 15,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.
- Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Leo, 2000 cod, 50,000 hake, 3000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Galatea, 14,000 cod.
- Sch. E. C. Hussey, 22,000 cod.
- Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Good Luck, 30,000 cod.
- Sch. Hope, 23,000 cod.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 12,000 cod, 39,000 hake, 12,000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
- Haddock, \$3.50 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.40 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.70 to \$2; hake, \$1.15 to \$1.60; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$1.25.

## Portland Fish Notes.

Portland fish dealers report the pollock catch of the past fortnight as having been the heaviest ever known, the waters at the westward being seemingly alive with the fish, which a month ago could not be found in any direction. Millions of pounds have been landed at Gloucester this week and the price paid the fishermen has fallen considerably, although the bottom has not fallen out as it has at Portland where some sold as low as 40 cents per hundred pounds.

## Lobsters at Boston.

There was a larger quantity of lobsters received in Boston in the three shipments received last week than in the same week of last year. During the week 2538 crates of live lobsters were received, against 2219 crates in the same week of last year. Last week also there were 30 boxes of salmon received from shippers in the provinces, and in the same week of last year there were 48 crates received.

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## DECLINE FISH DINNER.

Cleveland Dealer Wishes to Show How Well Cold Storage Works.

Members of the United States Senate committee on manufactures were invited last week by a witness in the cold storage hearing to test the healthfulness of frozen fish. The challenge was offered by E. T. Case, president of a fish company of Cleveland, O., and chairman of the Lake Erie Fish Packers' Association. He volunteered to act as host at a fish dinner to the senators, and declared they would be unable to distinguish between fresh and cold storage dishes. There was no audible acceptance of the offer. Mr. Case opposed many provisions of the Heyburn bill providing for regulation of the cold storage of foodstuffs. He declared that fish could readily be kept for two years on shore and be healthful.

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## Installing Engine.

The lake boat Mindora, Capt. Michael Shores, is at the Lantz wharf having a new Wolverine engine installed.

## Bait at Boothbay Harbor, Me.

Advices from Boothbay Harbor, Me., this morning state that there are 500 barrels of bait there today.

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## STARVATION AT LABRADOR.

A contradiction of the recent report that 5000 people were starving on the coast of Labrador was made to the Association Press by Dr. W. T. Grenfell, the well known medical missionary. Dr. Grenfell explained that there was some starvation, but it is limited to a small section of the Labrador coast.

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# POLLOCKERS HAD INNINGS.

FIVE OF THE SHORE GASOLINE BOATS LANDED FINE CATCHES.

The little shore pollockers had their innings yesterday and no less than five of them struck fish and brought in fine catches, some of the crafts being loaded to the water's edge. The fish are evidently a new school as they were large, and were taken up to the westward.

Schs. Independence, Herbert and Emma, Bessie A. and Unknown, all gasolners, came in late in the afternoon, each with a capacity fare, the hauls ranging from 15,000 to 31,000 pounds. Steamer Eagle also had 7000 pounds and the Heath trap sent down 80 barrels of small pollock and five barrels of large.

Schs. Good Luck and Fannie E. Prescott of the drift cod fleet brought their fares down from Boston during the night, the former 30,000 and the latter 20,000 pounds.

The shackers Leo, Washakie and Mary Edith also came down from Boston with the biggest parts of their fares, the Washakie having 80,000 pounds, the other two 50,000 pounds each.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, one of the shack fleet arrived from the Cape Shore grounds during the night, with a fine fare, 125,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly hake, and 7000 pounds of halibut.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Leo, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Washakie, via Boston, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Raymah, Cape Shore, 125,000 lbs. fresh fish, 7000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Good Luck, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Steamer Bessie A., shore, 25,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Steamer Independence, shore, 31,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 17,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Steamer Unknown, shore, 15,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Steamer Eagle, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Heath's trap, Manchester, 5 bbls. large pollock, 80 bbls. small pollock.
- Steamer Quartette, Rips, 27,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Georgia, Rips, 175,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Fish Hawk, Rips, 150,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Charles A. Dyer, Rips, pollock-ing.
- Sch. Little Fannie, Rips, pollock-ing.
- Sch. Shenandoah, Rips, pollock-ing.
- It looks as though the Rips pollockers were not going to let the shore fellows get loads unless they reported also. Two of them "rang the bell" this noon. Sch. Georgia, Capt. Charles Forbes arrived hailing for 175,000 pounds. Capt. Forbes has been bringing them in so thick and fast that it is hard work to keep run of him. Anyway, in the three previous trips, made inside of two weeks, he stocked \$5000 and this trip will go better than \$1800 more, and all done inside of two weeks, which is making money faster than any other branch of the fisheries. In the world's fisheries herring is king, but at the present time, as far as Gloucester is concerned, pollock wears the crown.
- Sch. Fish Hawk, Capt. Colin C. Nickerson, also came in just before noon and he had her loaded, hailing for 150,000 pounds of fresh pollock. This craft shifted over from fresh drifting only a few days ago and it looks as though her skipper used good judgment.
- The steamer Quartette, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, also arrived this noon with 27,000 pounds of fresh pollock.

## Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Virginia, shacking.
- Sch. Rex, shacking.
- Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Cape Shore seining.
- Sch. Pauline, Georges handlining.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, pollock seining.
- Sch. Jorgina, shacking.
- Sch. Yankee, shore.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

- Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.
- Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.37 1/2.
- Trawl Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.
- Haddock, \$1.25.
- Pollock, \$2.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

### Fresh Fish.

- Fresh large mackerel 25 cents each.
- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Large cod, \$2.45 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.
- Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.30 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.10.
- Dressed pollock, \$1.10, round \$1.00.
- Georges halibut, 8c per lb. for white and 6 1-4 cts. for gray.
- Bank halibut 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.
- Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums \$2.05.

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## CAPE SHORE SEINING FLEET SMALL.

Will Not Be More Than Half the Usual Size This Year.

While the Cape Shore seining fleet will be about half its usual size, still it will number more crafts than was anticipated a few weeks ago. This is due to the 11th hour determination of some of the skippers to shift over from haddocking and shacking and "take a chance."

As near as can be figured, the fleet this season will comprise 33 sail, this figuring that 14 of the fleet engaged in seining mackerel will stay south, but that all will go to the Cape Shore. Thus far 23 sail have sailed, 14 of them from here for the Cape Shore, and others of them going direct to the Nova Scotia coast from out south. At present ten more vessels, nine of them here and one at Boston, are getting ready to go to the Cape Shore and are figuring on getting away today or tomorrow, although the northeaster and threatening storm may delay them.

### Seiners Already Sailed for the Cape Shore.

The following crafts have already sailed:

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.

Sch. Sylvia, Capt. Lemuel Mith.  
Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons.  
Sch. Aloha, Capt. John A. McKinnon.  
Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William Bissert.

Sch. Alert, Capt. William J. Corkum.  
Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron.

Sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch.  
Sch. Independence II, Capt. John McInnis.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis.  
Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. George G. Hamor.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglas McLean.  
Sch. Indiana, Capt. Almon D. Malloch.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.  
Sch. Valette, Capt. Albert Larkin.  
Sch. Dauntless, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. George Hodsdon.  
Sch. Stiletto, Capt. Louis Carritt.

**Seiners Fitting Out or Ready to Sail.**  
The following crafts are fitting or are all ready to sail:

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Christopher Carrigan.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson.

Sch. Squanto, Capt. William Foley.  
Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. Archie McLeod.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson.

Sch. Patrician, Capt. Joseph Lacey.  
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Capt. John Keoughan.

### Netters at Newport.

The netter Wodan was at Newport, R. I., last Thursday with 150 large fresh mackerel and the sloop Sylvester had 200 the same day.

### Netters at New York.

The following netters are at New York this morning and from the size of their catches it would seem that they had struck the best fishing of the season thus far:

Sch. Mahelle E. Leavitt, 2200 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 900 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Tecumseh, 2200 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Massasoit, 3000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Manomet, 2500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Minerva, 900 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Golden Eagle, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

### Dogfish Trouble New Bedford Netters.

The netters at New Bedford have been having trouble from dogfish which have driven the mackerel off, and from the fog that made fishing difficult for the past few days. Two of the netters, however, made small catches, the Beatrice 25 fish and the St. Louis 70.

### Salt Mackerel.

Business is dull even for this time of year. Inquiries for mackerel are few and for small lots only. Some of the cheaper grades show small decreases in prices. Norway threes went off 50 cents a barrel early in the week. Magdalen Islands No. one are out of the market.—New York Fishing Gazette.

### Irish Salt Mackerel.

Fishing about the coast of Ireland, judging from favorable reports from a dozen stations, has been good so far this season. Shipments from Liverpool for the week ending May 13 aggregated 355 barrels. The average count was 300 to 350 fish to a salted barrel. The total shipments to date are about 43,881.—New York Fishing Gazette.

### Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1910 was 34,888 barrels against 33,231 barrels to date of the catch of 1909 and 43,875 barrels to date, of the catch of 1908.

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### Pensacola Fishing Notes.

The Fishing Gazette's Pensacola correspondent says that arrivals were light during the week which ended last Saturday. There were ten smacks, of which five were to the Warren Fish Co. E. E. Saunders & Co. had three and the Bay Fish Co. two. Arrivals to the last named fish concern have been light of late. The total catch consisted of 113,500 pounds of fish. Of that quantity 91,500 pounds were red snapper, 12,000 pounds grouper and 10,000 pounds Spanish mackerel from East Pass.

The smack Arloa, owned by the Warren Fish Co., had 19,000 pounds of red snappers. Other arrivals to the Warren Fish Co. were Smack Mineola, 12,000 pounds red snappers, 4,000 pounds grouper, smack Caldwell H. Colt, 18,000 pounds red snapper, 5,000 pounds grouper, smack Dixie, 10,000 pounds Spanish mackerel, smack Osceola, 14,000 pounds red snapper.

E. E. Saunders & Co. had the following: smack Lottie G. Haskins, 11,000 pounds red snapper, 3,000 pounds grouper, smack Frances Louise, 4,000 pounds red snapper, smack Siam, 4,000 pounds red snapper.

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### Gasoline Tank Exploded.

As the Bella, a New Bedford mackerel gasoline schooner was being made ready for sea from Gardner's basin, Atlantic City, N. J., a few days ago, the gas tank caught fire and exploded, showering with flaming oil. Joseph Yaron, cook of the vessel, and Casemere Sanders, one of the crew. Baymen, awakened by the noise of the explosion, wrapped the suffering sailors in tarpaulins and carried them to the city hospital, while the local fire department's force put out the flames with very little damage.

### Sardine Catch Discouraging.

Reports from Eastport, Me., about the sardine catch are discouraging. It seems that the large schools of herring so numerous early in the season have entirely disappeared, and many people are wondering if the fish have gone to the westward as they did a year ago. Pessimists say the large number of motor boats in and out of the Passamaquoddy river scare the young herring away.

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## LODGE WANTS REMOVAL OF CANADIAN FISHING BOUNTIES.

Before Fishery Clause of Reciprocity Agreement Becomes Operative.

## Senator Root Asks Removal of Provincial Wood Pulp Restrictions.

The general feeling in regard to the passage of the Canadian reciprocity pact has been, "not yet but soon," but of late that feeling has changed to accord with the old and ungrammatical saw, "you can't always sometimes tell."

As it looks now the reciprocity bill will meet with some amendments in the Senate, not idle, useless amendments, designed to waste time and make delay, but serious items and by senators who are serious in the matter. Senators Lodge and Root will both offer amendments to the bill, the latter in regard to the wood pulp provision and the former one which will be learned here with the greatest interest. He proposes that the fisheries clauses shall be inoperative until such time as Canada removes the bounty to her fishermen.

### Senator Lodge Has Decided to Present Amendment.

A dispatch from Washington in the Boston Transcript says:

"Senator Lodge has decided to offer an amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill postponing the operation of the fishery provisions until Canada shall have abolished her bounties to Canadian fishermen."

"This amendment, if adopted, would operate differently from the Root pulp and paper amendment in that it would throw the bill into negotiation with the Dominion government, whereas the Root amendment would not, as it would not affect the rates of duty and Canada has made no agreement as to the removal of provincial restrictions upon American pulp and paper, the Canadian commissioners expressly stating that they were powerless in that respect."

"Under the present laws of the two governments covering the fisheries,

the bounties paid by Canada have been regarded as an offset to the American duties on fish.

"One of the strongest friends of the Canadian reciprocity in the House, a Republican, today expressed his approval of the general policy proposed by the Root amendment. "On thinking the matter over," said he, "I am inclined to believe that it would be better administrative policy and bring better results for us to deal with Canada as a whole and not piecemeal; to let her people and all her governments understand that we will offer her a free market for her pulp and print paper when all her restrictions are removed and not to admit the product of individual provinces accordingly as they take off their restrictions. It is not good policy to have the legislation national on one side and local on the other."

### Senator Nelson of Minnesota Offers Amendments to the Bill.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota attacked President Taft today before the Senate finance committee for seeking to prevent the Senate from amending the Canadian reciprocity bill. He declared that the constitution made it a part of the treaty-making power of the country and offered several amendments to the measure. Senator Nelson's amendments would reduce about one-half the existing tariff rates on most farm products. To put farm products on the free list, he declared, was legislating directly against the farmer. "President Taft is evading the constitution of the United States," he asserted, "when he tries to force the senate to accept this agreement as it was presented. He is trifling with the senate of the United States." Senator Nelson said that the senate had amended previous treaties and that there was no valid reason why it should not amend the Canadian agreement.

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### Portland Fish News.

Sunday the fishing sch. Rena M. Percy arrived at Portland from Gloucester where she landed 90,000 pounds of mixed fish. She is now headed for the fishing grounds for another trip which will also be taken to the Gloucester market. The steamer Quoddy was also an arrival Sunday, landing a trip of 13,000 pounds of pollock on Commercial wharf which were sold to the local dealers.

Sunday the steamer Pet arrived at Portland from the eastward where she has been the past week on a fishing expedition. She landed a trip of 150,000 pounds of pollock at Port Clyde which were bought up by the canning factories.

The gas auxiliary smack Florence and Mildred arrived there Sunday from a fishing trip and reports a small amount of fish taken in.

### Canso, N. S., Fishing Notes.

A Canso, N. S., correspondent in the Halifax Herald says:

"Ice dealers have had a splendid trade thus far this season. Almost every Gloucesterite calling here took a good supply and most of the Lunenburg fleet took enough to preserve their catches of fresh halibut."

"Trap fishermen are busy preparing their traps for the water and will likely make some good catches of herring which are now on the coast."

"Mackerel fishermen also are working hard at their nets preparing for spring mackerel and so the life of a fisherman is filled up rain or shine."

"Robsters are scarce but prices are high so that a small catch is almost as good to the fisherman as the larger ones of other seasons at lower prices. It is even prophesied that even higher prices will be paid before the season is many days older."

### New Fishing Boats for Newburyport.

The new auxiliary sloop recently purchased by the Newburyport Fish Cold Storage Co. at Rockport, Me., is at the Consumers' Fresh Fish Company's wharf at her new home port. She is to be used in seining operations and general fisheries. She is a 16-horsepower engine, and is manned by a Newburyport crew.

For a year virtually a ship without an owner, the little fishing schooner Henrietta of Portsmouth last week was brought to Newburyport which will be her home port. The boat's skipper Melvin Spinney, was drowned from the vessel last summer, and she has since been unused. Some time previously she ran ashore in a fog and sank to the bottom of the river.

### Bait Plentiful at St. Ann's, N. S.

A North Sydney, C. B., dispatch of Thursday says:

"There is a big fleet of American, French and Newfoundland fishing schooners at St. Ann's taking in bait, which is quite plentiful there just now. The local fishermen get \$1 per barrel for the herring and are making big money."

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## GOOD PRICES AT T WHARF.

HADDOCK AND COD IN DEMAND  
BUT OTHER FISH RUN  
LOW.

Thirteen is not an unlucky number today at T wharf. There are 13 trips in. Those which have haddock, and there are eight of them, are more than lucky, while those with codfish will not fare so badly, as these fish are bringing the best price today for quite a while.

Two steam trawlers, the Crest and the Foam will get the best picking the former having 42,000 pounds of haddock and the latter 45,000 pounds of haddock, which they sold at \$4.50 per hundred weight. The market boats got \$5.25 for their haddock.

Large cod sold for \$2 and \$2.25. Other ground fish are low.

Schs. Mary DeCosta and James and Esther have good fares, 52,000 and 47,000 pounds respectively, mostly hake and cusk, and will probably bring the most of them to split. Outside of these and the catches of the steam trawlers, the fares run small.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Steamer Foam, 45,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. William A. Morse, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 5000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 3000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Matchless, 12,000 haddock, 2400 cod.

Sch. James and Ella, 3000 cod, 38,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 2000 cod, 40,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Azorean, 4500 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3800 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 2300 cod.

Steamer Crest, 42,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Emilia Enos, 2500 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 6000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$4.50 to \$5.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.50; hake, \$1.25 to \$2; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2.

Large Scup Receipts at Newport, R. I.

Yesterday at Newport was the happiest day in fish circles at Newport, R. I. since the fishing season opened, due to the large arrival of scup coming in with the warm weather, and after a dull period all of last week.

The total catch was 885 barrels of which 708 were scup and 177 mixed fish, including 35 barrels of sea bass. The greater portion went to Philadelphia and New York.

Block island contributed well toward the day's receipts, the steamer New Shoreham bringing 125 barrels of scup and 20 barrels of mixed fish. Later sch. Carrie Roberts came in with 95 barrels of scup from Block island.

Supplying Italian Fishermen With Oil.

The Mary, a 2000-gallon oil boat appeared yesterday at Commercial wharf Boston, ready to do battle with Standard Oil.

Frank Ragosco, called the "King of Italy", who represents the Standard Oil Company, was selling oil yesterday at from 13 to 15 cents a gallon. The Mary broke the price to 12 cents, confining her sales wholly to Italian fishermen and motor launch owners.

The Italian fishermen have been complaining that they were not receiving a square deal on the oil question.

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### Cod Weighed 72½ Pounds.

The largest fish that has been taken from the waters in or about Portsmouth harbor for many years was that of Capt. Charles E. Becker of New-castle, N. H., who captured a cod weighing 72½ pounds off the Isle of Shoals. Capt. Becker is nearly 80 years of age and has followed the sea all his life.

Good Returns for Torching Herring.

The three men on one of the smaller Boston Italian power boats made a good day's work Sunday night in torching for herring. The men were out only a few hours, but took 10 barrels of fish, which they sold at \$3.50 a barrel, with only a few gallons of gasoline to pay for as expenses.

### Fulton Market Notes.

There was an abundance of fish in both the salt and fresh water markets last week and prices were low, still the demand was not what it should have been. Groundfish in the salt water fish market could not go much lower and leave anything for the fishermen.

Codfish smacks are still bringing fish to market, though arrivals are few and far between. The Conquest on Tuesday had 2,600 for Eldred & Haley. On Wednesday the Viking had 2,100 and the Eleanor Hill 1,200 codfish and 50 bushels sea bass. The Ada Bell on Thursday had 2,700 codfish.

Cod—Market fish sold at 2¼c. to 4c., and steakfish at 3¼c. to 6c.

Flounders were so plentiful that many sold at 1c. per lb. Two cents was the highest price.

Haddock was a little scarce the latter part of the week. It sold at 4c. to 5c. Earlier it was down to 3¼c.

Western halibut brought 8c. and eastern white fish 9c. to 10c.

Hake sold at 2c.

Pollock sold at 1¼c. to 3c.

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### Sale of Fresh Rips Cod.

The fare of fresh Rips cod of sch. Fannie E. Prescott sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company at \$2.60 for large and \$2.05 for mediums.

### Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Raymah sold to the American Halibut Company at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray.

### For Salt Bank Dory Handline Trip.

Sch. Fanny E. Prescott, Capt. William Forbes, will now fit for a salt bank dory handline trip.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., was at Canso, N. S., Friday.

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### TRYING CLAM RAISING.

Bill in the Legislature for a Cape Cod Experiment in This Line.

The committee on fisheries and game has reported a bill to authorize the selectmen of one of the Cape Cod towns to lease flats for the cultivation of clams. These licenses may be granted for five years or less to cover areas of not more than five acres in extent. Before being granted a public hearing is to be given and when granted the party is to have the exclusive use of the flats and trespassers can be fined from \$5 to \$10 and \$1 additional for every bushel of shellfish taken. If a licensee makes no improvements for two years the license can be revoked after a public hearing.

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"Newfoundland bankers arriving in port this week for bait report fish scarce and the weather conditions bad for fishing. Most of the vessels now on the banks have fared but poorly so far, although in a few cases good catches have been made."

### Salt Cod is Sluggish.

This market is absolutely inactive except buying for immediate necessities, and this only in small lots. Prices remain unchanged from the last three weeks, with no prospect of anything doing at present. Reports from shipping points show that a good stock is being laid in at prices favorable to fishermen and jobber alike.—New York Fishing Gazette.

### Will Command Sch. Senator.

Capt. Augustus G. Hall, who has made such a big record in sch. Catherine Burke the past two seasons, will now fit sch. Senator for fresh halibuting.

# THE RECIPROCITY LEGISLATION.

Washington Correspondent Thinks  
Measure Will Have Hard Sledding.

## Senator Lodge's Amendment Will Act as an Obstruction.

That the ways at Washington, however well greased they may have been for the intended successful launching of the Canadian reciprocity pact, may not be able to let the ponderous document slide safely into the waters of international accord is evidenced by some of the dispatches which observing newspaper men, unprejudiced ones, are sending to their papers throughout the country.

To say at this time that the reciprocity bill in its present form is going to pass would be showing, not judgment, but preference. Bearing in mind the oft-repeated statement from our Canadian friends across the border, that the bill must go unamended or not at all and also the fact, although one not published, that it must be "free fish or nothing" with the Canadian end, the following from such a conservative source as the Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript cannot fail to be of interest and will also cause considerable thinking.

The Transcript correspondent says: "The President would like to get action on Canadian reciprocity. It is no secret in Washington, however, that the President does not care how soon Congress leaves town after the reciprocity bill is out of the way."

"The bill has not a sincere friend in

presumed friend of reciprocity, who puts an obstacle in the way of the success of the present Canadian agreement. The adoption of his proposed amendment to the fisheries clause providing that it shall not become effective until the bounties now paid by the Canadian government to fishermen are discontinued, would certainly result in long delay in Canada, and perhaps the defeat of the plan altogether.

"Ethically, the Lodge amendment has something to recommend it. If fish are to be put on the free list, there should be no need of further bounties to the Canadian fishermen, which are objected to by our fishermen as an undue advantage. But this one point cannot be permitted to endanger the whole agreement, and we believe that Congress will so decide."

### Senator Lodge's Amendment Will An Obstruction.

The Boston Post, referring to Senator Lodge's expected amendment bill, says, editorially, today:

"Whether with intent or not, Senator Lodge appears in the role of a

"The measure will not be safe after it gets out of the finance committee. The Transcript correspondent always has been conservative as to the prospects of reciprocity in the Senate and the events of the last week have not tended to a more optimistic view. The natural supporters of reciprocity, the insurgents, are doing their best to kill it, and unless they and the Democrats stand pretty solidly together in favor of the bill its chances will be doubtful. One of the great difficulties will be in reaching a vote."

"He will offer an amendment that the fish clause be suspended until Canada agrees to relinquish paying bounties to her fishermen."

## LATE SEASON EXPECTED.

### MACKEREL SKIPPER LOOKING FOR LATE MACKEREL AR- RIVAL ON CAPE SHORE.

Most of the seining skippers believe that mackerel will be late on the Cape Shore this spring. They figure that the season has been backward and that not only mackerel, but other fish, were very late in coming along out south.

No fish have yet been taken in the traps on the Cape Shore, around Yarmouth and Cape Island, where the first catches are generally heard from before this.

### Sch. Victor at Newport.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, was at Newport, R. I., yesterday with 1200 large fresh mackerel. Capt. McFarland must have got a good price for the fish as they are selling at Boston this morning for 45 cents.

### Netters at New York.

Yesterday the netters at New York got 30 cents each for their fish and this morning 35 cents is the price on the following five trips, which were there early:

Sch. Nokomis, 2100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mildred, 900 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 2000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. W. H. Reed, 2100 large fresh mackerel.

The following netters were reported at New York yesterday:

Sch. Edna Morse, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Vesta, 750 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Rattler, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Eliza Benner, 90 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Uncle Sam, 100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Vincent, 70 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 200 large fresh mackerel.

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### Pollock Catches Furnish Work on the Wharves.

The big catches of pollock and many of them, beside being a bonanza for the fishermen have also been a blessing to a large number of men who work around on the wharves. But for the big receipts of these fish the larger part of these men would have no work, but the pollock influx has made plenty of labor around on all the wharves and some days it is impossible to get men enough. May the pollock continue to come.

### Halifax Sealing Fleet.

The Halifax sealing fleet of schooners are now on their way home and will likely arrive the latter part of next month or July. At last reports the seal catches of the different vessels were as follows: Sch. Beatrice Corkum, 1253 seals; sch. Ysobel May, 1038 seals; sch. Agnes Donohue, 1578 seals; sch. Hilda R., 375 vessels; sch. Yolando, 1382 vessels; sch. Village Bell, not known; sch. Ida Clark, not known.

### Stocked \$2300 on Shacking Trip.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, stocked \$2300 as the result of her recent shack trip, the crew sharing \$46 clear. Capt. Wildes will now take a little salt and go to the Magdalens for bait.

### Bait at Monomoy.

There is plenty of bait, both herring and alewives, at the Powder Hole, Monomoy.

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### Russia Defines Shore Fishery Limit.

The Russian duma has declared that 12 miles from land was the fishing limit for foreign fishermen in the White Sea. Sir Edward Grey, secretary of the state of Great Britain for foreign affairs, has notified Russia that the three mile limit is unalterable without international agreement.